



OFFICE OF  
**INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Hotline Complaint Form

**Your Hotline Complaint Form E002031 has been submitted and received by The OIG. Thank You.**

Anyone with knowledge of fraud, waste, abuse, misconduct, or mismanagement involving the U.S. Department of the Interior should call or write the Office of Inspector General's Hotline (please choose the method of contact which best suits you):

- Telephone - OIG Hotline's Toll Free Number: 1-800-424-5081
- Fax - Complete and submit the Complaint Form to:  
703-487-5402 (Attention: Hotline Operations)
- US Mail - Complete and submit the Complaint Form to:  
Office of Inspector General  
Department of the Interior  
381 Elden Street, Suite 3000  
Attention: Intake Management Unit  
Herndon, VA 20170
- E-mail - Complete and submit the Complaint Form by pressing the submit button below:

You may also report fraudulent activities to the nearest regional OIG offices at the following locations:

- Eastern Regional Office, Herndon, Virginia (703) 487-8051
- Central Regional Office, Lakewood, Colorado (303) 236-8296
- Western Regional Office, Sacramento, California (916) 978-5630

### Alleged Misconduct

Who committed the alleged misconduct/wrongdoing? (What is the title/position held by the alleged wrongdoer? Please include names, addresses and telephone numbers of victims and witnesses. If providing information concerning contractor or grantee fraud, please provide the name of the primary contractor or sub, type of contract, contract or grant numbers, the date of the award and name of agency official.)

What exactly did the individual(s) do that was wrong? (Please provide specific and relevant details concerning the alleged misconduct/wrongdoing.)

Natural Resource Specialists in the Carlsbad Field Office are charged with processing Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) and carrying out the associated NEPA analysis. On October 15 or 16, 2017, Michael Nedd visited the Carlsbad Field Office and met with the Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) staff. In this meeting he stated that the NRS staff should overlook some regulations in order to process APDs more quickly. Moreover, he stated that NRS staff should protect any staff that chooses to overlook regulations. This is my account of the directive given by Mr. Nedd as explained to me.

When did the misconduct/wrongdoing occur? (Please provide dates and times, if possible.)

October 15 or 16 of 2017.

Where did the misconduct/wrongdoing occur? (Please provide the bureau or office, city and state.)

How was the misconduct/wrongdoing committed? (i.e. falsifying documents, etc.)

Verbally

you have first hand knowledge of the misconduct/wrongdoing?

No

Where can we obtain additional information concerning this misconduct/wrongdoing? (i.e. documents, etc.)

Who else might be aware of this misconduct/wrongdoing? (Please provide names, addresses and telephone numbers) How would this individual know about this?

Contact in this order: [REDACTED] The above are attendees of the October 15 or 16, 2017 meeting. Others, such as managers, attended this meeting on October 15 or 16, 2017 but I believe they will not provide an accurate account of the meeting. I recommend not speaking with management about this until speaking with the above people first.

### Complainant

Are you willing to be interviewed concerning this matter? If so please provide your name, address and telephone number, and the best time to contact you. You can provide contact information for us to follow-up with additional questions and still remain confidential.

No out of concern for retribution.

Your E-Mail address (optional)

If you wish to remain confidential, please select: (For a description of Confidentiality, please refer to the ["Your Rights"](#) page.)

Confidential:

Yes